## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 00-50660 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

ANTONIO MAYNES-TORRES,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas USDC No. EP-00-CR-568-1-H \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ April 12, 2001

Before JOLLY, HIGGINBOTHAM, and JONES, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:\*

Antonio Maynes-Torres appeals his sentence following his guilty plea conviction for attempted illegal re-entry after deportation in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. Maynes argues that his sentence should not have exceeded the two-year maximum sentence under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a). Maynes acknowledges that his argument is foreclosed by <u>Almendarez-Torres v. United States</u>, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), but he seeks to preserve the issue for Supreme Court review in light of <u>Apprendi v. New Jersey</u>, 120 S. Ct. 2348 (2000).

 $<sup>^*</sup>$  Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

<u>Apprendi</u> did not overrule <u>Almendarez-Torres</u>. <u>See Apprendi</u>, 120 S. Ct. at 2362; <u>United States v. Dabeit</u>, 231 F.3d 979, 984 (5th Cir. 2000), <u>cert. denied</u>, 121 S. Ct. 1214 (2001). Maynes's argument is foreclosed by <u>Almendarez-Torres</u>, 523 U.S. at 235.

The Government has moved for a summary affirmance in lieu of filing an appellee's brief. In its motion, the Government asks that the judgment of the district court be affirmed and that an appellee's brief not be required. The motion is granted.

AFFIRMED; MOTION GRANTED.